

Update – National Legislation, Ag Working Group & PNDSA

Presented to the
Idaho Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee
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Agenda

- ❑ Evolution of Ag Working Group – membership, meetings, accomplishments, contacts
 - ❑ DC Legislative Update
 - ❑ PNDSA Update
 - Precision Ag Pilot Project
 - Carbon Credit Aggregation Proposal
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Ag Working Group on Carbon Markets

- ❑ Formed in 2004 facilitated thru ED (Sara Hessenflow Harper) & Clark Group (Laura Sands)
 - ❑ Current or past leaders representing major commodity and farm organizations (see handout – recent joint letter sent to DC)
 - ❑ Several meetings in DC; major educational session at Commodity Classic February 2007, Florida; lobbying push Sept 2007
 - ❑ Group took on life of its own with Sara leaving ED and joining Laura at Clark Group
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Major Accomplishments

- ❑ Forging broad awareness of issues – Nat'l Ag Groups
 - ❑ Developed policy framework and educational support documents to empower members to work with stakeholders to form policy positions. Resource documents available at:
www.wittmanconsulting.com
 - ❑ Got 3 major commodity groups to approve resolutions to “engage in climate change legislative debate”
 - ❑ Asked for testimony at EPW hearing (We were only representation from ag industry!)
 - ❑ 2 people monitoring process and keeping us informed
 - ❑ Expanding network continuously... (i.e. NT Network)
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"Our Eyes and Ears"... Just ask to be put on the distribution list

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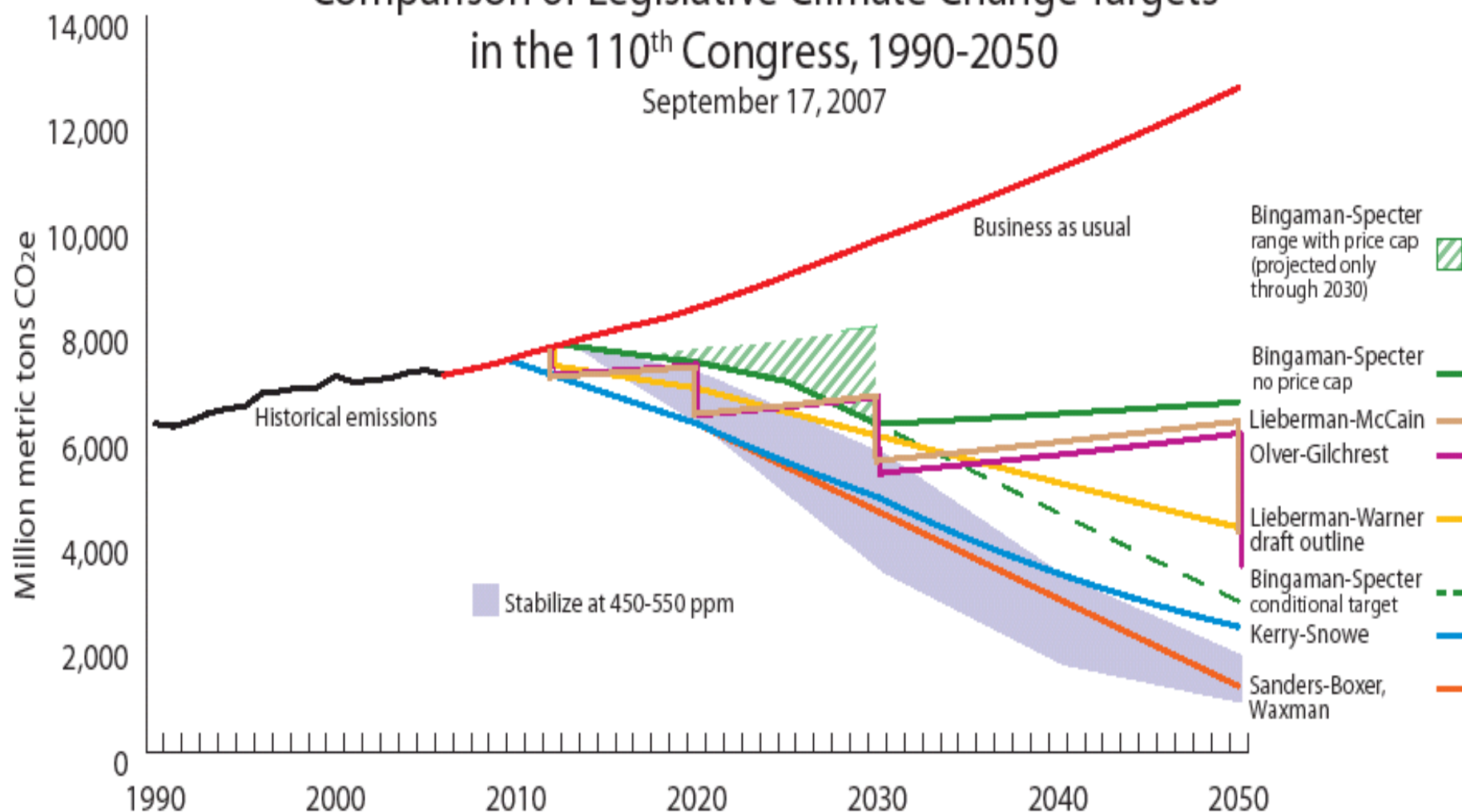
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Legislative Update

- ❑ 7-8 proposals floated over past 2 yrs
 - ❑ 2 Front runners currently
 - Lieberman/Warner (S. 2191, America's Climate Security Act of 2007)
 - Bingaman/Specter
 - ❑ Lieberman/Warner getting major vetting at present. For further study of ag offsets:
http://clarkgroupllc.com/pdfs/Lieberman-WarnerBill_agOffset_language%5B1%5D.pdf
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Comparison of Legislative Climate Change Targets in the 110th Congress, 1990-2050

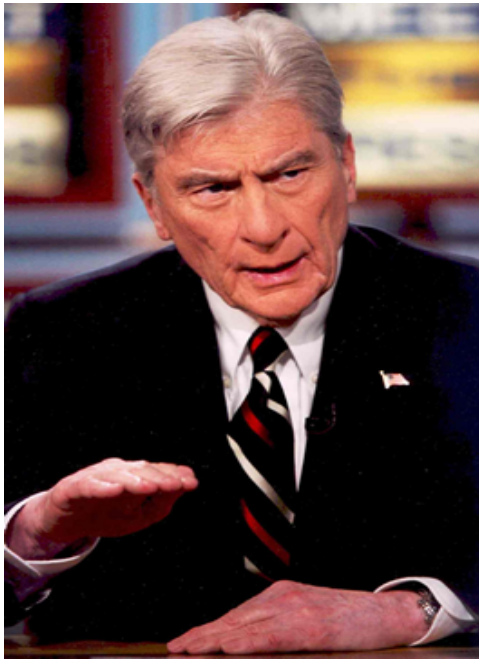
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For a full discussion of underlying methodology, assumptions and references, please see <http://www.wri.org/usclimateproposals>. WRI does not endorse any of these bills. This analysis is for comparative purposes only. Data post-2030 may be derived from extrapolation of EIA projections.

Lieberman-Warner climate legislation passes out of EPW subcommittee Nov. 1, 2007



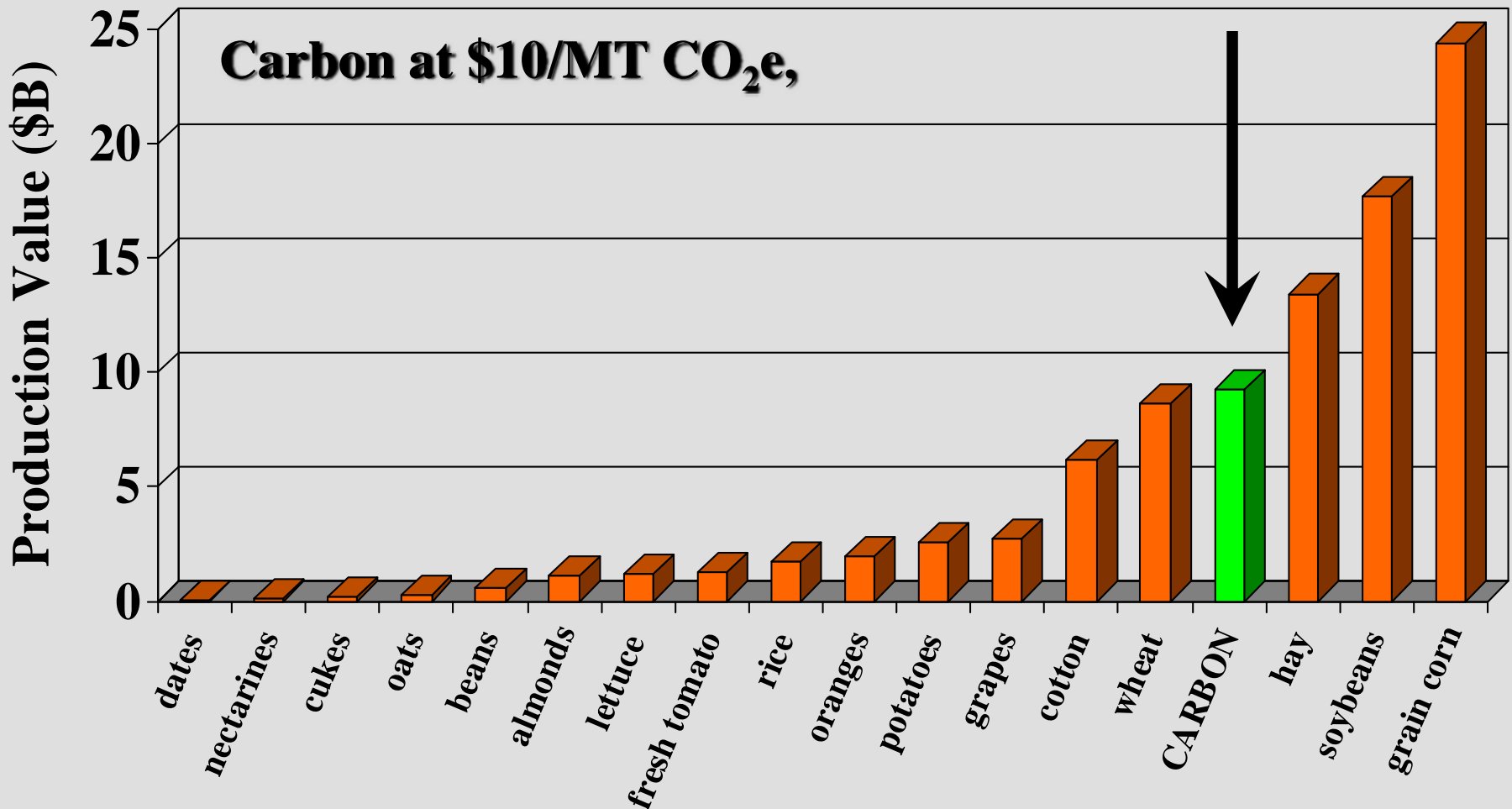
Senator Warner states that passing his climate change bill with Sen. Lieberman will be his “top priority” in the 14 months remaining in his term.

Sen. John Warner (R-Virginia)



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*Illustrative Ranking of Carbon as a Crop in U.S.
Per Proposed GHG Limits in Senate Bill 280
(Lieberman-McCain) 1/12/07*



[Crop Source: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service – US Crop Rankings - 1997 Production Year Ranking Based on Value of Production]

Mixed Signals on Reception to Ag Access

- ❑ Bingaman bill unfriendly to Ag
 - ❑ Recent Farm Bill language addressing USDA role in establishing measurement protocols stripped this past week!
 - ❑ Energy bill proposals less friendly to Ag than Warner/Lieberman
 - ❑ HUGE TURF DEBATE... Ag, Energy, Commerce... or combination?
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“USCAP urges policy makers to enact a policy framework for mandatory reductions of GHG emissions from major emitting sectors . . .

The cornerstone of this approach would be a cap-and-trade program.”



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PNDSA Update

☐ Precision Ag Pilot Project

- Accounting for reduction in N_2O , diesel fuel thru GPS, autosteer, variable rate application
- 25,000 acres in 3 Northwest states; proposed price/T $CO_2 = \$8$; \$75,000 Tot

☐ Aggregation Projects

- Final stages of offer for 100-200,000 MT
 - Taking it slow...waiting for legislation and protocols to firm up
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Time for Questions...

